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couple years ago, but now we have a new one. We're saying property tax relief will not come about until we have mandatory reorganization. That absolutely is not true. It's just another issue that's been introduced. But we do have a committee under the leadership of Senator Withem that's working on this problem and there has been movement. Now, some people are saying the amended version of 940 does nothing. That also is not true. LB 940 has a very significant provision in it as the committee has amended it. It says after two years nonresident tuition will cease to exist. After two years nonresident tuition will cease to exist. Now, if that isn't a hammer, I don't know what it is. And, you know, I'm concerned about that because I don't know what does happen after two years. So, certainly, 940 does have some teeth. LB 940 has some teeth that worry us. Now, if the hammer is equal on both sides, you know, both sides of this issue, if nonresident tuition goes away in two years, it may be just a lawyer's paradise, but if the hammer is equal on both the K-12s and on the Class Is, then I'm supportive of that. But it is certainly not true that the amended version of 940 has no teeth, because it does. So, at this point, I am asking you to kill LB 726 and LB 326 which follows this bill, which was my priority bill from last year, I will pass over that because it is a good bill. It's a bill which would allow Class VIs to be formed, and that should happen. But, in the spirit of cooperation, I'm not going to bring that issue up unless I am forced to do it. So let's kill this bill. Let's kill LB 726. Let's skip over 326 and get on about the business of the Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the closing on the motion to kill the bill. Those in favor of that motion, please vote aye, opposed nay. Simple majority prevails. Have you all voted? Have all, who care to vote, voted? Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 726 is indefinitely postponed. Anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, thank you. Study resolution, LR 288 offered by the Speaker. (Read explanation of resolution. See pages 928-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports